CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A workstation, comprising:

2   a top;

3   a leg that supports said top; and,

4   a computer located within said leg.

5   2.   The workstation of claim 1, further comprising a

6   backplane located within said leg and connected to said

7   computer.

8   3.   The workstation of claim 2, further comprising a

9   router that is attached to said backplane and located

10   within said leg.

11   4.   The workstation of claim 1, further comprising a

12   monitor attached to said top and connected to said

13   computer.

14   5.   The workstation of said claim 4, further

15   comprising a bracket that attaches said monitor to said

16   top.

17   6.   The workstation of claim 2, wherein said backplane

18   contains a backplane identification and said computer

19   compares the backplane identification with a stored

20   backplane identification stored in said computer, said

21   computer transmits a command through said backplane if the

22   backplane identification does not match the stored

23   backplane identification.

1   7.   The system of claim 6, wherein said computer has a

2   network address and the command re-configures a network to

3   route information associated with the network address to

4   said computer.

1   8.   The system of claim 6, wherein said computer has a

2   telephone number and the command re-configures a network to

3   route information associated with the telephone number to

4   said computer.

1   9.   The system of claim 2, further comprising a

2   keyboard that is coupled to said backplane.

1   10.   The system of claim 2, wherein said backplane

2   includes an input/output interface that is coupled to a

3   plurality of input/output ports, said input/output ports

4   each provide a communication path for information

5   transmitted in an accordance with a different protocol.

1   11.   The system of claim 2, further comprising a server

2   that is attached to said backplane and located within said

3   leg.

4   12.   The system of claim 6, wherein the command

5   includes a client identification.

6   13.   A workstation, comprising:

7   a top;

8   a first leg that supports said top;

9   a second leg that supports said top;

10   a first computer located within said first leg;

11   a second computer located within said second leg; and,

12   a router that is located within said first leg and is

13   coupled to said first and second computers.

14   14. The workstation of claim 13, further comprising a

15 first backplane located within said first leg and connected

16 to said first computer and a second backplane located

17 within said second leg and connected to said second

18 computer.

19   15. The workstation of claim 14, further comprising a

20 server that is located within said first leg and coupled to

21 said first and second computers.

22   16. The workstation of claim 13, further comprising a

23 first monitor that is attached to said top and coupled to

24 said first computer and a second monitor that is attached

25 to said top and coupled to said second computer.

26   17. The workstation of said claim 16, further

27 comprising a bracket that attaches said first and second

28 monitors to said top.

29   18. A workstation of claim 14, wherein said first

30 backplane contains a backplane identification and said

31 first computer compares the backplane identification with a

32 stored backplane identification stored in said first

33 computer, said first computer transmits a command through

34 said first backplane if the backplane identification does

35 not match the stored backplane identification.

1   19. The system of claim 18, wherein said first and

2   second computers each have a network address and the

3   command re-configures a network to route information

4   associated with the network addresses to said first and

5   second computers.

1   20. The system of claim 18, wherein said first and

2   second computers each have a telephone number and the

3   command re-configures a network to route information

4   associated with the telephone numbers to said first and

5   second computers.

1   21. The system of claim 14, further comprising a

2   keyboard that is coupled to said first backplane.

1   22. The system of claim 14, wherein said first and

2   second backplanes each include an input/output interface

3   that is coupled to a plurality of input/output ports, said

4   input/output ports each provide a communication path for

5   information transmitted in an accordance with a different

6   protocol.

1   23. The system of claim 13, further comprising a

2   single cable that is coupled to said first leg.

3   24. The system of claim 18, wherein the command

4   includes a client identification.

5   25. A workstation, comprising:

6   a top;

7   a first leg that supports said top;

8   a second leg that supports said top;

9   a first computer located within said first leg;

10   a second computer located within said second leg; and,

11   a switch that is located within said first leg and is
12 coupled to said first and second computers.

13   26. The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a
14 first backplane located within said first leg and connected

15 to said first computer and a second backplane located

16 within said second leg and connected to said second

17 computer.

18   27. The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

19   router that is located within said first leg and coupled to

20   said first and second computers.

21   28. The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

22   server that is located within said first leg and coupled to

23   said first and second computers.

24   29. The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

25   first monitor that is attached to said top and coupled to

26   said first computer and a second monitor that is attached

27   to said top and coupled to said second computer.

28   30. The workstation of said claim 29, further

29   comprising a bracket that attaches said first and second

30   monitors to said top.

31   31. A workstation of claim 26, wherein said first

32   backplane contains a backplane identification and said

33   first computer compares the backplane identification with a

34   stored backplane identification stored in said first

35   computer, said first computer transmits a command through

36 said first backplane if the backplane identification does

37 not match the stored backplane identification.

1   32. The system of claim 31, wherein said first and

2 second computers each have a network address and the

3 command re-configures a network to route information

4 associated with the network addresses to said first and

5 second computers.

1   33. The system of claim 31, wherein said first and

2 second computers each have a telephone number and the

3 command re-configures a network to route information

4 associated with the telephone numbers to said first and

5 second computers.

1   34. The system of claim 24, further comprising a

2 keyboard that is coupled to said first backplane.

1   35. The system of claim 24, wherein said first and

2 second backplanes each include an input/output interface

3 that is coupled to a plurality of input/output ports, said

4 input/output ports each provide a communication path for

5   information transmitted in an accordance with a different

6   protocol.

1   36.   The system of claim 31, wherein the command

2   includes a client identification.

3   37.   A method for assembling a workstation, comprising:

4   plugging a computer into a leg that supports a top.

5   38.   The method of claim 37, further comprising

6   transmitting a backplane identification to the computer

7   from a backplane located within the leg, comparing the

8   backplane identification with a stored backplane

9   identification, transmitting a command to a network if the

10   backplane identification does not match the stored

11   backplane identification.

1   39.   The method of claim 38, further comprising re-

2   configuring a relational database so that the backplane

3   identification is correlated with a network address of the

4   computer.

1   40.   The method of claim 38, further comprising re-

2   configuring a relational database so that the backplane

3   identification is correlated with a telephone number of the

4   computer.

1   41.   The method of claim 38, further comprising

2   comparing a client identification transmitted with the

3   command with an authorized client identification and

4   inhibiting operation of the computer if the client

5   identification does not match the authorized client

6   identification.

7   42.   The method of claim 41, further comprising

8   activating an alarm if the client identification does not

9   match the authorized client identification.